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1. Weimar (J-57): One of the formations stationed in Weimar during February 1948 was the 18th Siberian Rifle Regiment, commanded by Col. M. Urussov. This regiment had a large percentage of Kalmauk and Tartar elements.

2. Zwickau (K-34): The 23rd Guards Rifle Regiment, commanded by Col. I.P. Boriak, was stationed in the barracks in the Verdauer Strasse, Zwickau, since 26 January 1948. This regiment arrived from Frunze, U.S.R., and was to be transferred eastward, probably to G6rlitz (B-00) on 6 March 1948.

3. K6nigsbr6ck and G6rlitz Training Areas: Major tank exercises took place in February 1948 on both the K6nigsbr6ck (A-31) and G6rlitzer Heide training areas. The G6rlitzer Heide is becoming an area of major importance for formation training and extends eastward to include the Neuhammer training area and all the heath country within the G6rlitz-Bunzlau-Sprottau-Sagan-Sorau and P6elbus area.

4. Apart from the tank formations, the following units were involved in these exercises during February 1948.

8th Guards Rifle Regiment
106th Rifle Regiment
Guards Regiment "Matrossov" (number unknown)
34th Polish Infantry Regiment
28th Soviet Parachute Division

Personalities in these exercises include Generals Ivan Sacharov, Yerezenko, and A.F. Fyedorov (twice Hero of the Soviet Union).

5. The 28th Parachute Division, which is known as the "Bird" Parachute Division, consists of the 4th, 19th, and 30th Parachute Regiments. These units were stationed around Dresden for a long time. Comment: Never before reported.) One of these regiments left Dresden on 25 January 1948 for exercises on the G6rlitzer Heide. Of 300 parachutists taking part in one exercise, sixty-four were injured and were later returned to Dresden. On 50X1-HUM

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5 February, several hundred injured troopers of the division and of Polish parachute units which also participated in the exercises arrived in G8rlitz. The Soviet troops were moved to the "Alter Soldatenheim" in Dresden.

6. The 8th Armored Reconnaissance Regiment was stationed in Altenburg (K-27) in late 1947 for a short time and then moved to G8rlitz.
7. Leipzig: The Red Army automotive repair shops are located on the B8s-sing NAG premises at Leipzig. They employ thirty-six Soviet technical officers, three WCO's, and 220 German civilians. 50X1-HUM
8. Dresden: The City Commandant of Dresden is Colonel Vortkikov. The chief of the section conducting the political supervision of organizations and trade unions within GMA Saxony is Colonel Artenyev. The Town Commandant of Greiz (K-13) is Lt. Col. Plakustshzin.

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